

# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Statistical Data for February 2007

Region 10

April 2007

## LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FEBRUARY 2007 PRELIMINARY

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

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AREA	LABOR FORCE	NUMBER EMPLOYED	NUMBER UNEMPL.	U.R. 2/07(p)	U.R. 1/07	U.R. 2/06
U.S.	151,879,000	144,479,000	7,400,000	4.9%	5.0%	5.1%
INDIANA	3,246,027	3,073,092	172,935	5.3%	5.8%	5.8%
EGR 10*	145,422	137,523	7,899	5.4%	5.7%	6.0%
Clark	55,153	52,429	2,724	4.9%	5.2%	5.5%
Crawford	5,320	4,853	467	8.8%	9.3%	10.0%
Floyd	38,692	36,834	1,858	4.8%	4.9%	5.3%
Harrison	20,190	19,059	1,131	5.6%	5.9%	6.3%
Scott	11,420	10,720	700	6.1%	6.8%	7.1%
Washington	14,647	13,628	1,019	7.0%	6.7%	7.3%
Corydon	1,499	1,382	117	7.8%	8.7%	8.4%
Jeffersonville	15,378	14,624	754	4.9%	5.3%	5.3%
New Albany	18,806	17,810	996	5.3%	5.6%	6.3%
Salem	3,086	2,820	266	8.6%	8.3%	9.3%
Scottsburg	2,953	2,743	210	7.1%	7.6%	8.8%

\*EGR 10 includes Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington Counties.

NA – not available at this time.



## SURROUNDING STATES FEBRUARY 2007 UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(Preliminary Not Seasonally Adjusted)

Illinois – 5.3% Indiana – 5.3% Kentucky – 6.6% Michigan – 7.2% Ohio – 5.7%

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK – FEB 2007	COUNTY	FEB 2007 RATE (p)
1	Crawford	8.8%
12	Washington	7.0%
37	Scott	6.1%
45	Harrison	5.6%
70	Clark	4.9%
74	Floyd	4.8%
92	Hamilton	3.3%



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## REGIONAL, STATE, & METROPOLITAN UNEMPLOYMENT

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported that regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in February 2007. Overall, 24 states and the District of Columbia registered over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, 16 states recorded increases, and 10 states had no change. Over the year, jobless rates declined in 33 states and the District of Columbia, rose in 10 states, and were unchanged in 7 states.

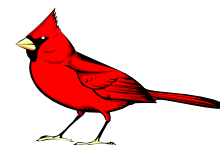
In February, Hawaii, Utah, and Wyoming recorded the lowest unemployment rates at 2.3 percent each. Mississippi reported the highest jobless rate at 6.7 percent.

Unemployment rates were lower in February than a year earlier in 249 of the 369 metropolitan areas, higher in 94 areas, and unchanged in 26 areas. Eighteen metropolitan areas registered jobless rates below 3.0 percent. Seven areas, six of which are located in California, recorded jobless rates of at least 10 percent.

Honolulu, Hawaii, continued to report the lowest unemployment rate at 2.0 percent. El Centro, California, a highly agricultural area, registered the highest rate in February at 14.1 percent.

# ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 10

(Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington Counties )



## QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT

<u>NAICS INDUSTRY</u>	<u>2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2006</u>	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2006</u>	<u>2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2005</u>	<u>CHANGE FROM 1Q2006 TO 2Q2006</u>	<u>CHANGE FROM 2Q2005 TO 2Q2006</u>
TOTAL COVERED EMPLOYMENT (includes Federal Employment)	103,525	100,618	102,597	+ 2,907	+ 928
Natural Resources & Mining	759	680	808	+ 79	- 49
Construction	6,049	5,307	6,117	+ 742	- 68
Manufacturing	20,521	20,327	21,179	+ 194	- 658
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	23,272	22,864	23,051	+ 408	+ 221
Information Services	908	892	888	+ 16	+ 20
Financial Activities	4,329	4,252	4,082	+ 77	+ 247
Professional & Business Services	7,339	7,117	6,981	+ 222	+ 358
Educational & Health Services	20,288	20,276	19,736	+ 12	+ 552
Leisure & Hospitality	11,852	11,179	11,736	+ 673	+ 116
Other Services	2,616	2,544	2,603	+ 72	+ 13
Public Administration	5,572	5,167	5,409	+ 405	+ 163

Industry sectors may not add to total due to inclusion of unclassified data in total covered employment.

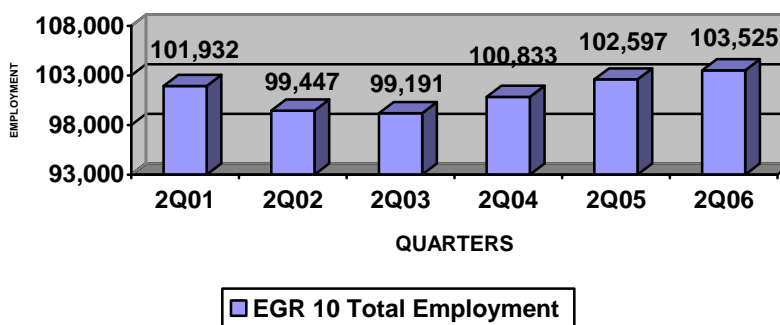
## EGR 10 QUARTERLY INDUSTRY EARNINGS

<u>NAICS INDUSTRY</u>	<u>2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2006</u>	<u>1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2006</u>	<u>2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2005</u>	<u>PERCENT CHANGE FROM 2Q2005 TO 2Q2006</u>
TOTAL NONFARM (includes Federal Employment)	\$ 586	\$ 597	\$ 570	2.8%
Natural Resources & Mining	\$ 631	\$ 608	\$ 599	5.4%
Construction	\$ 646	\$ 619	\$ 632	2.3%
Manufacturing	\$ 720	\$ 756	\$ 710	1.5%
Trade, Transportation, Warehousing, & Utilities	\$ 561	\$ 591	\$ 525	6.8%
Information Services	\$ 531	\$ 583	\$ 518	2.6%
Financial Activities	\$ 746	\$ 738	\$ 651	14.7%
Professional & Business Services	\$ 535	\$ 499	\$ 502	6.5%
Educational & Health Services	\$ 631	\$ 635	\$ 641	-1.6%
Leisure & Hospitality	\$ 307	\$ 304	\$ 296	3.6%
Other Services	\$ 384	\$ 380	\$ 375	2.4%
Public Administration	\$ 601	\$ 595	\$ 603	-.4%

Notes for both tables: The above tables include employees working for firms subject to the Indiana Employment and Training Services Act. Unemployment insurance tax records are a very comprehensive count of workers by industrial category. The Act, in general, includes employers with one or more employees. Railroads, small nonprofit institutions, and churches are excluded. Only part of the employment in private household and on farms is included. Federal government employees are covered by a federal unemployment insurance program but are included in these figures. Education and Health Services include both public and private employment.

Average Weekly Wages are computed from quarterly earnings and average employment. These figures are computed from payroll totals so they included all employees.

## EGR 10 Total Employment 1st Quarter 2001 - 1st Quarter 2006



## LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

## Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWIs) 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2005 Economic Growth Region 10 and Indiana

QWI	EGR 10 (Q3)	INDIANA (Q3)
Total Employment	103,031	2,840,413
Net Job Flows	710	-391
Job Creation	6,941	164,972
New Hires	21,428	537,008
Separations	24,517	641,773
Turnover	11.3%	10.6%
Avg. Monthly Earnings	\$2,786	\$3,111
Avg. New Hire Earnings	\$1,897	\$1,894

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, Local Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD), Local Employment Dynamics (LED), 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2005.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U)

Unadjusted percent change to February 2007 from:

	February 06	January 07
<b>U.S. City Average</b>		
<b>All Items</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>.5%</b>
Food & Beverages	3.1%	.6%
Housing	3.3%	.5%
Apparel	2.1%	2.6%
Transportation	-.6%	.2%
Medical Care	4.3%	.9%
Recreation	.9%	.1%
Education & Communication	2.0%	.1%
Other Goods & Services	3.6%	.4%
Midwest Region (All Items)*	2.0%	.7%



\*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

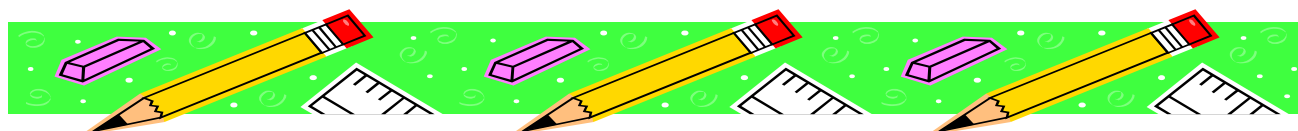
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



## ANNUAL COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE

<u>Local Office</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>Previous Year % Change</u>
<b><u>INITIAL CLAIMS</u></b>			
New Albany	12,040	12,485	-3.6%
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>441,786</b>	<b>409,105</b>	<b>8.0%</b>
<b><u>TOTAL CLAIMS*</u></b>			
New Albany	105,646	109,663	-3.7%
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>3,234,630</b>	<b>3,232,282</b>	<b>.1%</b>

\*Total Claims include both initial and continued unemployment insurance claims.



## REGION 10 JOB OPENINGS

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development office in New Albany received during February 2007. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software. Occupations are listed in descending order based on number of openings.

### SELECTED FEBRUARY 2007 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR REGION 10

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Assemblers	\$9.10	\$9.89	\$12.95
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	5.15	6.45	8.75
Cashiers, General	5.15	5.56	7.00
All Other Machine Operators	5.15	7.58	10.00
Production Laborers	7.00	8.75	10.00
Security Guards	5.15	7.69	9.50
Plastic Molding & Casting Machine Operators	9.10	11.40	16.00
Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	13.29	16.96	21.63
Truck Drivers, Heavy	10.00	12.40	13.70
Nurse Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	6.38	8.40	10.00
Welder-Fitters	10.00	13.88	19.50
Truck Drivers, Light-Including Delivery	5.25	8.48	9.38
Accounting Clerks	7.50	11.08	14.00
General Office Clerks	6.38	9.35	14.00
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$5.25	\$6.23	\$7.25



## REGION 10\* APPLICANT POOL

February 26, 2007



The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Applicant Pool** provides a numerical ranking of the top jobs being sought by applicants.

<u>REGION 11 JOB TITLES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF APPLICANTS</u>
Production Laborers	1,345
Assemblers	1,221
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	681
General Office Clerks	668
Production Helpers	612
All Other Machine Operators	586
Cashiers, General	570
Receptionists/Information Clerks	538
Hand Packers & Packers	534
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	474
All Other Hand Workers	473
File Clerks	455
Administrative Assistants	441
Data Entry Keyers, Except Composing	365
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	345
Secretaries – Other	340
Customer Service Representatives –Utilities	332
Welders, Production	305
Postal Service Clerks	300
All Other Managers & Administrators	296

The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Applicant Pool on the Site Map/Index.



## ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 10\* WAGE DEMAND

The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between job applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the applicants' desired wages and the number of applicants registered in CS3. The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work that they would like to obtain. An average wage demand and median wage demand are calculated for the selected geographical area. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Wage Demand on the Site Map/Index. \*EGR 10 includes Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington Counties.



<u>AREA</u> <u>(2/26/07)</u>	<u>Average</u> <u>Annual</u> <u>Wage Demand</u>	<u>Median Annual</u> <u>Wage Demand</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Applicants</u>
<b>EGR 10</b>	<b>\$26,864</b>	<b>\$20,800</b>	<b>6,278</b>
Clark	\$25,545	\$20,800	1,913
Crawford	\$29,886	\$20,800	476
Floyd	\$23,393	\$20,800	1,251
Harrison	\$34,142	\$20,800	1,045
Scott	\$21,814	\$20,800	861
Washington	\$30,446	\$20,800	732



## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL ITEMS  
2006 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	<u>CPI-U</u> <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>AVERAGE</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>CPI-U</u> <u>ANNUAL</u> <u>AVERAGE</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>CPI-U %</u> <u>CHANGE</u> <u>FROM</u> <u>2005-2006</u>
<b>U.S. City Average</b>			
<b>All Items</b>	<b>195.3</b>	<b>201.3</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
Food & Beverages	191.2	195.7	2.4%
Housing	195.7	203.2	3.8%
Apparel	119.5	119.5	.0%
Transportation	173.9	180.9	4.0%
Medical Care	323.2	336.2	4.0%
Recreation	109.4	110.9	1.4%
Education & Communication	113.7	116.8	2.7%
Other Goods & Services	313.4	321.7	2.6%
Midwest Region (All Items)*	188.4	193.0	2.5%

\*Midwest Region = Midwest Urban Average. Expenditure categories are not available on a regional basis. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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## OCCUPATIONS & STARTING WAGES REPORT

Indiana Economic Growth Region 10's Occupations and Starting Wages Report for April 2006 – March 2007 is now available. This report provides minimum, average, and maximum starting wage data for job openings listed with local area WorkOne offices. If you would like a copy of this publication, you may download the report from our web site at <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov>. Please 'Select a Region' from the map at the bottom of the page; you will then find a link to Regional Publications. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may email [cboatman@dwd.in.gov](mailto:cboatman@dwd.in.gov) or call Cathy Boatman at (812) 424-4473 extension 237.



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